PCC Logo**PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**President’s Latino Advisory Committee (PLAC)**

**Mission:** *To enhance the success of Latino students at PCC*

**Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

**10:00 AM – 11:30AM**

Zoom Meeting

*Members Present:* R. Aguilar, C. Altamirano, M. Alvarez, A. Boekelheide, A. Chavez, E. Endrijonas, D. Hernandez, G. Hernandez, M. Mares-Tamayo, R. Martinez, S. Murga, J. Osterling, Y. Parada, T. Quintanilla, I. Ramirez, D. Recarte, J. Robledo, J. Ruvalcaba

1. **Welcome and Introductions** at 10:03AM
2. **Approval of Minutes- July 15, 2020** (Approved)
3. **President’s Report** (Erika Endrijonas)
   1. Due to a variety of reasons, Pasadena City College’s (“PCC”) fall enrollment is down by 9% and headcount is down by 7%.
   2. The financial team is currently in the final process of balancing the budget, which will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees at the October 15th board meeting. There is a lot of uncertainty with the budget statewide. PCC will not be getting fully paid by the state in January and will need to borrow funds.
   3. PCC has been nominated for the Aspen Institute prize. The virtual visit is scheduled from October 6-8th and the winner will be announced in early May 2021.
   4. PCC will be online for winter. Chancellor Oakley sent an email recommending colleges decide quickly relative to spring and encouraging everyone to stay online similar to CSUs.
   5. The California Community College Athletic Association Board (CCCAA), chaired by Dr. Endrijonas, had decided to move all Fall sports to Spring 2021. The COVID Work Group of the CCCAA will be meeting to determine what will be happing with Athletics. CCCAA Interim Executive Director Jennifer Cardone and Endrijonas met with the Governor Newsom’s office to discuss what their line of thinking is about practice.
   6. PCC has won the John D. Rice award for student success based on the college’s strong metrics.
4. **MESA Transfers** (Melva Alvarez)
   1. Alvarez reported a total of 50 undergraduate transfers and one graduate transfer student. The following websites were created in lieu of being able to hold a ceremony:
      1. MESA Transfers: Student pictures, transfer college, and major

<https://sites.google.com/view/mesatransferclassof2020/class-of-2020>

* + 1. Gratitude Corner: Transfer students acknowledge family, faculty, and staff for their support

<https://sites.google.com/view/mesatransferclassof2020/student-gratitude?authuser=0>

* + 1. MESA 2019/2020 Overview: Programming highlights and partnerships

<https://sites.google.com/view/mesatransferclassof2020/mesa-by-the-numbers?authuser=0>

* + 1. Students of the Year

<https://sites.google.com/view/mesatransferclassof2020/students-of-the-year?authuser=0>

1. **Student Needs** (Melva Alvarez)
   1. Alvarez shared the following student concerns:
      1. Information is not readily available on the main webpage.
      2. Internet access issue for students.
      3. Parking lot with Wi-Fi access is limited to students with cars.
      4. No open restrooms by the parking lot with Wi-Fi access.
2. **Reports**
   1. Altamirano welcomed Rudy Aguilar, Tanith Quintanilla, and Christina Salazar-Romo as new members of ALE.
   2. Altamirano shared information about LatinX Heritage Month.



* 1. Mares-Tamayo shared information about the upcoming “Abreindo Caminos to Excellence: Latina/o/x Student Data Symposium” taking place on October 9th and 16th via Zoom. The intent behind this symposium is to take a moment to further listen to PCC students, and to take the last three years of survey data, synthesize it and bring it to our community to have a conversation.



1. **Announcements**
   1. Robeldo announced the release of his book “Blood on the Canvas”.
   2. Parada announced the federal government’s denial on the TPS extension.
   3. Endrijonas announced that Governor Newsome signed a law requiring all CSUs to add ethic studies and now the Chancellor’s Office is having a dialogue about community colleges having it as well.
   4. Mares-Tamayo announced that Dr. Christina Salazar has redesigned College 1 from an ethnic study perspective.
   5. Hernandez announced that a “Know your Rights” workshop was held to help students better understand their rights. The first orientation was held for LGBTQ and DACA students, as well as the first LGBTQ peer support group.
   6. Martinez announced an upcoming virtual exhibit thanks to the assistance of Dr. Christopher West and Gilbert Rivera.
   7. Murga provided the following Adelante announcements:
      1. Adelante is offering online academic assistance and tutoring.
      2. Academy online workshops are now being offered throughout the year as opposed to the two-day event.
      3. Adelante has been selected as an Edison 20/20 partner. Developing a strong relationship with Edison and other corporations that want to increase diversity in their corporations.
   8. Ramirez announced that she is holding mental health workshops in Spanish.
2. **Adjourn** at 11:04AM